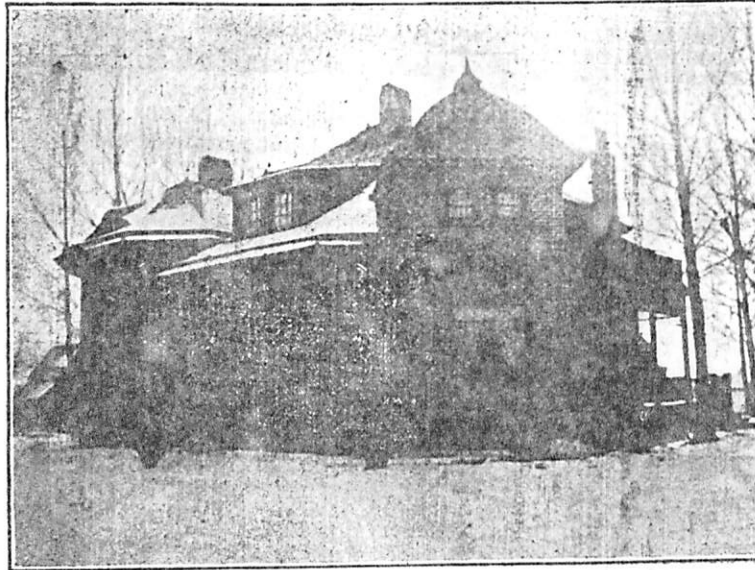


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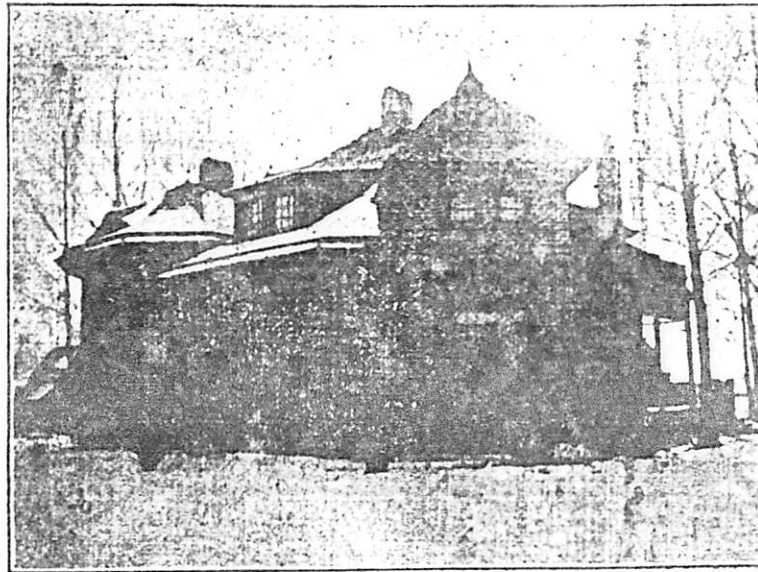


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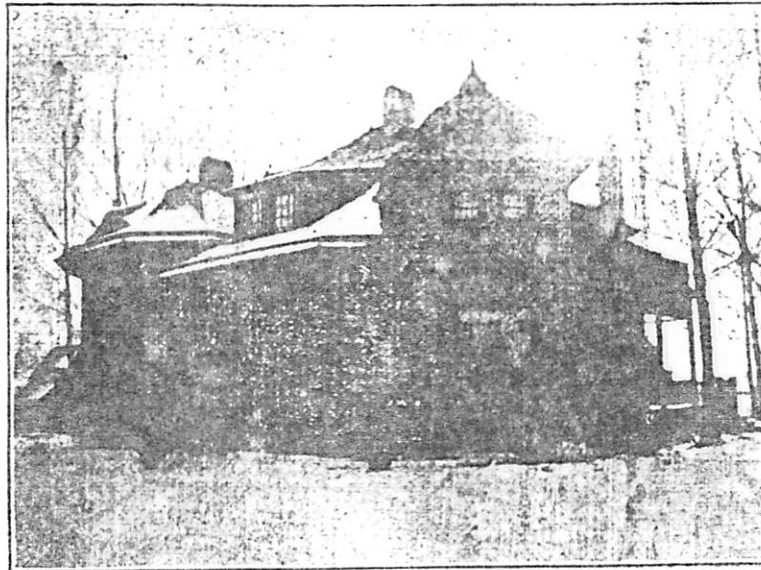
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WILLIAM FORMAN,  
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MONTGOMERY

William Forman was born in Glasgow, Scotland, November 17, 1834 to John Forman and Margaret Major.

When about twenty years old he embraced the gospel and became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, uniting with the Glasgow branch of the

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Church. Two years later he emigrated to Salt Lake City, crossing the ocean and plains in the company of Captain Robert Campbell and lived with his family in Salt Lake City until December 25, 1854. He then lived with the family of Willard Richards, doing any kind of work he could find during the five years he resided in Salt Lake City. He worked for Brigham Young part of the time. He was appointed by the church authorities to look after the widows and orphans, as there were a great many at this time. He filled this calling well.

He was married to Catherine Campbell on October 10, 1859 and in March 1860 was sealed to her in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City by President Young.

Catherine Campbell was born April 30, 1832 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was the daughter of Richard and Christina Campbell. She died in Heber City April 2, 1909. To this union were born four boys and one girl. William John, William Campbell, Benjamin Richard, Christina and John Forman.

He was advised to go to Provo Valley and obtain some land. He with his wife arrived in the valley in the spring of 1860 and immediately went to work building a home and preparing the land to plant grain. He followed this vocation all his life. He also had a saw mill and shingle business. He did whatever he was called upon to do in civic or religious activities. At one time he was called to donate a wagon and team for the purpose of helping immigrants across the plains. The donation was promptly made. He was also a Sergeant in the Black Hawk War. He was chosen with eleven other men to go to Uintah and try to make peace with the Indians.

When Heber was divided into the East and West Wards, William was chosen as Bishop of the West Ward, July 1877, with John Crook and George T. Giles as counselors. He held that position for 18 years. He was also appointed Presiding Bishop over the wards of Wasatch Stake. He hauled sandstone to Park City mines and to Salt Lake City for use on their sidewalks. He and the Buys brothers and Alexander Fortie

staked off the grounds for the Wasatch Stake House. They did most of the surveying in the valley at that time. He brought the first organ to Heber City. He married Mary Loury Montgomery, October 10, 1867, the ceremony was performed by Heber C. Kimball. To them were born 14 children, seven boys and seven girls: Robert, Nephi, Catherine Harwood, Mary Jane Orr, Agnes Turner Fields Jones, Joseph Smith, Margaret, twins, William and Willometta, Major, Orson Pratt, Nellie Clara Williams and June Nora Browning. A son died in infancy.

Mary Loury Montgomery was born June 1, 1851, at Anock Lodge in Ayrshire, Scotland, a daughter of Robert Montgomery and Mary Loury Montgomery. She came to Utah in 1862. She was a very pleasant, happy girl, always willing to help anyone in need. She was a Relief Society member and served as a counselor and teacher in the West Ward for many years. The last few years of her life were spent in Center Creek where she served as counselor in the Relief Society several years. She died at her home in Center Creek on December 23, 1902.

William Forman died at the home of his daughter Agnes Jones, in Salt Lake City, February 3, 1910.

He and his wives are buried in the Heber City Cemetery.

MARY MONTGOMERY  
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Mary Montgomery Forman was born at Arnock Lodge, Ayrshire, Scotland, on June 1, 1851, to Robert and Mary Lowry Montgomery. Her father came from Scotland, settling in Heber in 1861, and she came with her mother and the rest of the family the following year, arriving here September 19, 1862. She was married and sealed to William Forman in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City by Heber C. Kimball, October 10, 1867. She was the mother of 14 children, seven daughters and seven sons.

She lived here all her life, from 1862 until five years before her death she moved to Center Creek. She was always faithful to the principles and doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many leading positions in the various organizations. At the time of her death she was counselor to the president of the Relief Society. She died December 23, 1902, at Center Ward.

JOHN GALLAGHER, SARAH  
ROBINSON AND ELVIRIA  
BRITTINGHAM



John Gallagher was born December 14, 1809, in Liverpool, England, son of Thomas Gallagher and Ann Stephensen.

He married Sarah Robinson, from which union issued three children: Thomas, John William, and Emma.

Married to Mary Elviria Brittingham. Children: Ephraim, Mary Elviria, and eleven other children not listed.

John Gallagher's parents came from Ireland. He had two brothers, William and Edward. He grew to manhood in England, working at his trade of tailor. He was a very good one. He loved drama and acted on some of the largest stages. He played in the early theaters in Utah and was one of the leading men in their company. He was outstanding in drama. A very fine penman, in England he did much of the scribes for them. He kept a place for people who belonged to the Church. They could find hiding and a place to eat and sleep. He heard of the Prophet Joseph Smith and of his

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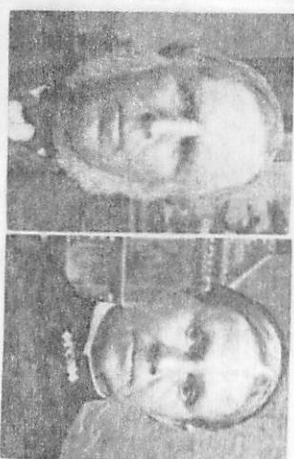
teachings and became converted and was baptized. He managed a mission house for the Elders. His greatest desire was to come to America. After many delays he, with his wife and children, set sail. He married Sarah Robinson of his parish in the Church of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, in 1839.

They went into Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where they lived awhile. Then they moved to St. Louis, Missouri. Later they went to New Orleans, where he left his family to go to St. Louis, Missouri, to see if he could get located in his business as a tailor. He found things in St. Louis very good, so he sent for his little family. Accordingly he met the boat and he was handed the three small children. They didn't know what had become of the mother, as she boarded the boat with them. Some of the workers on board had heard a splash, as if a body were falling in the water. They thought the mother had got up to attend the children and had fallen into the river. This was a blow to grandfather.

He met Mary Elviria Brittingham (my grandmother) at the St. Louis mission, where she embraced the gospel and was baptized. They seemed to be meant for each other, and were married. She had seven children. This totaled 10 children in the family. They had 13 children born to them. Grandmother said he was so good to her and her children that he made a heaven on earth for them. He began to make plans to come to Utah, so they could be with the saints. They left St. Louis in the fall of 1863, traveling with the Captain Herber company, and walked all the way.

Their clothes were made of gray homespun linesey. He was a tailor by profession. He was the first official postmaster of Heber, delivering letters from house to house free of charge. He kept the county records and was prominent in civic affairs. He took out his citizenship at the age of 42. He had to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign power, prince, state and sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

# GEORGE GILES AND MARY GREENWOOD GILES



George Giles was born May 19, 1823, in Lincolnshire, England, and died July 22, 1898, son of William Giles and Sarah Huskinson.

George Giles married Mary Greenwood on March 24, 1823, in Lincolnshire, England. She died March 25, 1913.

Children: Thomas Greenwood (Rachel Cummings), Heber John (Susie Witt), Mary Elizabeth (Joseph Moulton), and Charles (Grace Aird).

These people were born and raised in England. They came across the plains in August, 1856, settling in Provo. In the spring of 1860 they moved to Heber, Utah, where they lived in the fort and later built a nice brick house on Third North and Main Street.

Mr. Giles was a blacksmith by trade. He made plow points, etc., and was exceptionally good at his trade, having had several years apprenticeship in England. His shop was just south of his home and was built of logs. He was affectionately called "Uncle George Blacksmith." His home is now owned by a granddaughter, Mrs. Pearl Giles Forman.



## JOHN WILLIAM GILES

John William Giles, son of William Giles and Christina Carlile, was born March 17, 1869, in Heber City, Utah. From a very humble start as a pioneer boy, he raised to prominence and became a community leader.

On November 23, 1892, in the Logan Temple, he married Rachel Ann Taylor. He was the father of six children: Mrs. John E. Danielson (Ella), Mrs. Earl Smith (May), Taylor, Mont., who married Lorraine Murdock, Mrs. W. C. Wilcox (Sophrona), Mrs. Floyd Kinsey (Viola), and two foster children, Mrs. Leon Ritchie (Elda Robbins) and John Curtis Robbins, who married Glenna Lawrence, were reared in his home. Taylor passed away during the influenza epidemic, while serving as an LDS missionary in the Northern States.

His Church and civic activities were many and successful. He was a city councilman many years and helped organize and was a member of the first board of directors of the Wasatch Chamber of Commerce. He served as president of the North Field Irrigation Co. and also as president

of the Provo River Water Users' Protective Assn. He was a member of the fire board and served long as a member of the light and power board, during which time he experienced the installation of the "white way" lighting system along Heber City's Main Street. Distinction came to him when he was asked to serve on the Wasatch County fair board and help organize the Wasatch County Fair. He was chairman of the barbecue committee for many years, during which time thousands of people enjoyed delicious barbecued sandwiches prepared by him at "fair time."

He was ward collector and enjoyed planning and helping at the time Heber Second Ward chapel was erected.

He had special enthusiasm and ability in road building, most roads in Wasatch County bearing his marks of improvement.

Without compensation, save the satisfaction and joy of seeing children and friends have paths by which to go to school and to work, early winter mornings found him plowing paths through the deep snow with his home-made plow and trusty team. This service was done over all the city streets.

He had many friends among the Indians. Oftentimes his back yard was a welcome campsite for Uncle Jesse Copperfield and others during their shopping days in Heber. They were always welcome guests at his table for meals. He was the recipient of many Indian gifts and relics because of his acts of friendship and kindness.

He was a pioneer livestock man, riding the range in both winter and summer. An interesting side occupation he enjoyed very much was that of freighting for the Heber Mercantile Co.

He was a true friend, no person ever being turned away hungry from his home or camp.

He died from a sudden heart attack on July 8, 1942.

## RACHEL ANN TAYLOR GILES

The 24th day of September, 1872, heralded the arrival of little Rachel Ann Taylor, the third child born to Mary Horrocks and Joseph Walker Taylor. Ann, born April 11, 1868, died suddenly when a little past a year old. Alice was 2½ when Rachel Ann

was born and was delighted to have a new little sister.

Father Joseph worked hard to support his little family. He had many plans to provide the best for his two small daughters, but in the late summer, just two years after Rachel's birth, he took pneumonia while herding his cattle in the foothills of Santaquin, Utah, and the illness took his life September 21, 1875.

Grief-stricken, Mother Mary packed her belongings and left Rachel's birth place, Santaquin, to live in Heber, Wasatch County, Utah, where she could be near her parents.

Rachel Ann was unable to attend school until she was eight years old. The loss of her father left the family in serious financial straits and there was little money to spare for education. However, she gratefully attended the old Sleepy Hollow School between the ages of eight and 11.

She herded cows along the ditch banks during her summer vacations, and while she kept her lonely watch she sewed clothes for her little doll from scraps found among her mother's "rug rags." This humble beginning saw her develop into one of the finest seamstresses in Heber Valley.

Mother Mary was industrious, making rugs and carpets to earn a living for her and her three daughters. (After moving to Heber she married William Cook and by him had another daughter, Mary Elizabeth. Mary and William didn't live together long and this left Mary to care for her small children alone as before.) But for all her efforts, she could not meet the ever-growing needs of her family, and Rachel Ann was forced to leave school at the age of 11 to help out. She was employed by President Abram Hatch to clean house and help care for his seven children. She also worked for Tom Hicken, Dave Hicken, and Sarah Buys.

She had little time for recreation, but managed to find time to sing in the ward choir, under the direction of Sam Wing. She had a sweet soprano voice and was a member of the choir 17 years.

Another choir member was John William Giles, a handsome bass singer. Sometimes after choir rehearsal they would join a square dancing group in the "Old Hall" and for a time Rachel could forget the re-

sponsibilities which were heaped upon her young shoulders.

Their friendship grew to love and eventually "Will" proposed. On a cold November day, when she was but 19, they set off in a horse-drawn carriage on a 24-hour journey to Logan, Utah, where they were married in the Logan LDS Temple on November 23, 1892.

The couple made their home in a neat one-room structure on First West and Second South Streets, which was frequently enlarged to meet the needs of their growing family. Two daughters, Ella LaPreal and Annie May; two sons, Taylor and William Montell, and finally two more daughters, Mary Sophrona and Viola, were born of this marriage. They also reared two small children of a nephew, Hyrum W. Robbins, whose wife died from influenza. They were John Curtis and Elda, and they have been to Rachel, William and their family a son and a daughter, a brother and a sister.

Rachel Ann was called to be a Relief Society visiting teacher in August of 1905, when her third daughter, Sophrona, was only eight days old. She served in this position two years, when she was released to become second counselor to Heber Second Ward Relief Society. Because of her faithful service she was soon made first counselor, and in September, 1919, she was set apart as Relief Society president of Heber Second Ward, Wasatch Stake.

During her service in the Relief Society she was frequently called to leave her family (often in the middle of the night) to care for the sick, the dying, and to prepare the dead for burial. She was particularly hard-pressed during the influenza epidemic in 1918.

It was this same epidemic which took the life of her eldest son, Taylor, as he completed his twentieth month as a missionary in the Northern States Mission. His sudden death while in the service of the Lord was a great test of faith for the entire family. But because they had a testimony of the gospel they passed the test with the realization that they were parted from their son and brother for only a short time.

Rachel Ann became well known throughout Wasatch County as a fine and depend-

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able seamstress. Because she was constantly striving for perfection she acquired the exacting arts of cutting, fitting and expert finishing. Her greatest delight is her beautiful cut-work embroidery and her elegant quilting. She has won many blue ribbons at the Wasatch County Fair and at the Utah State Fair. At the age of 81 she was awarded the grand championship ribbon at the Wasatch County Fair for her individual display.

She was widowed in 1942, when a sudden heart attack claimed William, her partner of almost 50 years. Because of her understanding of the teachings of the gospel and her diligence in rearing a good and loyal family she has never been alone. She can honestly say, "I have lived a good life," for she has been faithful to her membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and faithful to her duties as a wife and mother. Her posterity, eight children (including her two "foster" children), 20 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren, look upon her with great love and respect.

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**HUSBAND**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

**HUSBAND'S FATHER**

**HUSBAND'S  
OTHER WIVES**

**HUSBAND'S  
- MOTHER -**

**WIFE**

**Born** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

### NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

**Husband**

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Thomas H. Giles  
Superintendent of common  
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CHILDREN TO PARENTS**

## WILLIAM AND SARAH GILES

William Giles was born January 1, 1797, at Gunerson, near London, England. He married Sarah Huskinson of Bridgeford in 1820. He and his sons were brick masons by trade.

In 1840, he and his family were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were preparing to come to Utah. On March 21, 1854, a message was sent to William, telling him that he and his family were to be in Liverpool in 24 hours, that the ship they were to board was to set sail for America. The children were sent to Liverpool at once, but William and Sarah remained at home a number of hours to take care of last-minute duties and business. When the children, Thomas H., and wife; Fredrick, John, Mary, Emma, Kezia and William Jr., arrived at the Huskinson docks, Fredrick and John went into town to buy supplies to take on their journey. When they returned with the supplies the captain of the ship ordered all aboard, for the ship would sail in an hour. Many of the saints told the captain that all members of their families had not yet arrived, but the captain said, "This ship sails in one hour if there is only one soul aboard." William and Sarah Giles had not arrived, so their children took their baggage aboard. The captain, being a man of his word, raised the gangplank in an hour. That night as they looked toward the lights from the docks, they were unhappy, because their parents were not with them on the ship. The next evening, about sundown, a sailing vessel was seen coming toward them. When it reached the big ship "Old England" there were many happy hearts, for the sailing vessel was carrying many of the saints who were left behind. William and Sarah were with them.

When all were on board the ship "Old England," the little vessel turned and sailed back to England, and the big ship carrying William and Sarah and their family sailed toward Zion.

They arrived at New Orleans, where William Giles and family and many of the other saints boarded the steamboat "St. Nicholes," and it sailed up the Mississippi River as far as St. Louis. Here they were examined by a doctor before they could go

ashore. It was found that there were more passengers on the ship than should be, so the doctor and the captain of the ship quarantined the passengers. William found that it was only the Mormons who were quarantined. So the Giles family and all of the saints were told they must wash all clothing and other articles before they could enter the city. They washed for two days.

On the 12th of the month, William and Sarah and family were allowed to enter the city of St. Louis. They were met there by their daughter, Elizabeth Giles Rasband, who, with their family and brother George and his family, had come to America a few years previous. After a few hours' stay in St. Louis they left Quincy, where their daughter Elizabeth was living.

Some members of the family remained in Quincy and found employment. Others went to Burlington, Iowa, where their son George and his family lived. Here the remainder of William's family found employment.

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## WILLIAM AND SARAH GILES

William Giles was born January 1, 1797, at Gunerson, near London, England. He married Sarah Huskinson of Bridgeford in 1820. He and his sons were brick masons by trade.

In 1840, he and his family were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were preparing to come to Utah. On March 21, 1854, a message was sent to William, telling him that he and his family were to be in Liverpool in 24 hours, that the ship they were to board was to set sail for America. The children were sent to Liverpool at once, but William and Sarah remained at home a number of hours to take care of last-minute duties and business. When the children, Thomas H., and wife; Fredrick, John, Mary, Emma, Kezia and William Jr., arrived at the Huskinson docks, Fredrick and John went into town to buy supplies to take on their journey. When they returned with the supplies the captain of the ship ordered all aboard, for the ship would sail in an hour. Many of the saints told the captain that all members of their families had not yet arrived, but the captain said, "This ship sails in one hour if there is only one soul aboard." William and Sarah Giles had not arrived, so their children took their baggage aboard. The captain, being a man of his word, raised the gangplank in an hour. That night as they looked toward the lights from the docks, they were unhappy, because their parents were not with them on the ship. The next evening, about sundown, a sailing vessel was seen coming toward them. When it reached the big ship "Old England" there were many happy hearts, for the sailing vessel was carrying many of the saints who were left behind. William and Sarah were with them.

When all were on board the ship "Old England," the little vessel turned and sailed back to England, and the big ship carrying William and Sarah and their family sailed toward Zion.

They arrived at New Orleans, where William Giles and family and many of the other saints boarded the steamboat "St. Nicholes," and it sailed up the Mississippi River as far as St. Louis. Here they were examined by a doctor before they could go

ashore. It was found that there were more passengers on the ship than should be, so the doctor and the captain of the ship quarantined the passengers. William found that it was only the Mormons who were quarantined. So the Giles family and all of the saints were told they must wash all clothing and other articles before they could enter the city. They washed for two days.

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William M. Giles was born September 3, 1846, in Arnold, Nottingham, England, to Thomas and Mariah Kirkham Giles. As a youth he worked in the livery stables in England.

This family heard the gospel preached and became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about 1860. In March, 1862, they sailed from Liverpool, England, for America. There were five children in the family. The eldest daughter, being married, remained in England. Thomas, a son, died while crossing the ocean and was buried at sea. The ship had to be repaired while crossing and they were six weeks reaching America.

They took the train from New York to St. Louis, then traveled by boat up the Missouri River to Florence, Nebraska. There they joined the immigrants of Captain Duncan's company and traveled to Utah.

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They left the immigrant company in Echo Canyon and came by way of Silver Creek directly to Heber, arriving in September, 1862.

William M. Giles homesteaded 160 acres southwest of Heber, down close to the river and known as the Bill M. Homestead. He joined the militia and fought in the Black Hawk War. He helped to bring about peace with the Indians.

In 1871, January 5, William M. Giles married Ann Murdock in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To them were born 11 children: John Thomas M., Mariah, William, Jane Ann, George David, Sarah Elizabeth, Joseph Fielding, Orson Edward, James Alvin, Henry Alexander, Charles Andrew.

Ann Murdock Giles passed away January 2, 1890.

Some time later, William M. married Rachel Howarth Fortie, a widow with three children.

William M. Giles was a very active man all his life, helping to build the community. He was a successful farmer. He passed away in 1926.

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DIXON HAMLIN GREER AND  
MARY SPROUSE AND  
HARRIETT CAMP MURPHY



Dixon Hamlin Greer, son of Nathaniel Hunt Greer and Nancy Ann Terry Roberts of Georgia and Texas, was born April 16, 1834. Came to Utah September 10, 1855, Seth M. Blair Company. Only Dixon Hamlin of his family stayed.

He married Mary Sprouse, in 1857 in Salt Lake City, daughter of John Sprouse and Catherine Handley. They were pioneers, coming to Utah in 1854, in the Benjamin L. Clapp Co. She was born in 1839 and died January 15, 1861.

He married Harriett Camp Murphy in February 1863, in Salt Lake City, Utah, daugh-

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ter of William Camp and Diannah Greer of Salt Lake City. They were pioneers of 1850. She was born January 9, 1839. They moved to Wallsburg February 25, 1864. Harriett died July 14, 1908. Dixon Greer died July 29, 1918, both buried in Provo, Utah.

They left Mormon Grove on the Missouri River, June 1855 with freight in company with his father, the father dying of cholera at Grasshopper Creek near Atcheson, Kansas. He and his brothers brought goods to Salt Lake City, Utah, and set up a store at the corner of First South and Main streets.

He was a school teacher at Heber, Utah, in 1862 and at Wallsburg in 1864, and carried the mail to Heber and back. He was the first school trustee at Wallsburg, organized the first school district and built the first school house in 1865.

He also took care of his 40 acre farm and his cattle, and a country store. They had a three-room house of lumber with a fireplace in the two front rooms. It was always kept painted. They had a fine team which they used to go to Heber to conference and to Salt Lake City to conference and the Temple. He and his wife took part in all the Church affairs. They gave much help to the poor and needy as they were blessed very much. They moved to Provo in 1900.

Dixon and Mary Sprouse's children were Nathaniel Dixon, Catherine. Dixon and Harriett Camp Murphy's children were: John C., Diannah, William Hamlin, Nancy Ann, Stephen Decator, Mark, Sarah Susannah, Margret Grace, Willmirth Jane, and Alice Gertrude. p951

## CHARLES GURNEY

No history of Charles Gurney is available. Mrs. William Alder (Jean Coleman) remembers Mr. Gurney and his wife, Charlotte. They lived in the Fort String and were true pioneers. Mr. Gurney was a good farmer and took pride in his many fine fruit trees and in his splendid garden. Both he and his wife were civic minded. Mrs. Gurney was president of the Relief Society in Midway for a number of years.

Mr. Gurney sold his house and property to William Alder in 1892. It is still owned by Mrs. Alder and is her home. 65C



## JAMES GURR

James Gurr was the son of Enoch Eldridge Gurr and Ruth Buchman Gurr. No history of James can be obtained except that he lived on the Midway Fort String.

His father was born in Sussex, England, July 19, 1813, and came to Utah in April, 1857 with the Ezra Curtis Company.

His mother was born in Australia, the daughter of James Buchman and Susanna Price.

James and family settled in Wallsburg.

ANDREW AND ELLA WILSON  
HAMILTON

Andrew M. Hamilton, son of James Baker Hamilton of Ohio, was born in Ohio and came to Utah in 1852 in the Bryant Jolly Company. He married Ella Wilson in Tennessee.

In Midway, where the family settled, Andrew was a Seventy and then served as a counselor in the bishopric. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk, Walker and Tintic In-

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dian Wars. He made his living as a miller and carpenter. He died in Springville, Utah.

Children of Andrew and Ella were:

Ely, married Sarah Orton

Zachariah

David, married Ellen Bennett

Lavisa, married John Butter and then Moroni Olney

Joseph, died at age 9

James B., married Martha Jane Shelton

Brigham, died at age 46

Catherine married Ephraim Van Wagoner

Malissa, married Moses Reeves

William, died in infancy.



JAMES B. HAMILTON  
MARTHA JANE SHELTON  
HAMILTON

James B. Hamilton, son of Andrew M. Hamilton and Ella Wilson. Born November 2, 1842, Hancock County, Illinois. Married Martha Jane Shelton December 17, 1865, at Mound City, (later Midway) Utah. Died August 13, 1914, Midway.

Martha Jane Shelton, daughter of Stephen Shelton and Abigail Harris. Born June 22, 1844, at Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois. Died March 16, 1927, Midway.

James came to Utah from Nauvoo with his parents and later assisted in bringing immigrant companies to Utah during 1862.

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He was a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian War, was a member of the 66th Quorum of Seventy and a faithful ward teacher throughout his life. He spent his life in farming in Midway.

Martha Jane came with her parents in 1848 to Utah and settled in Provo. She endured the rugged pioneer life, and was left fatherless at the age of five. As soon as she was able she left home and worked for a family for her room, board and clothing. At the age of 17 she came to Provo Valley in the company of Catherine Stewart and John Faucett, her brother-in-law. She lived in the Upper Settlement and enjoyed the many dances, sleighrides and amusements of the day.

In 1865 she met and married James B. Hamilton and spent her life rearing a family and helping in her husband's farming activities.

She was active in the Church throughout her life, serving more than 50 years as a Relief Society teacher. She spent much time visiting the poor and needy, and throughout her life bore strong testimony of the Gospel of Joseph Smith, the Prophet.

Children of James and Martha Jane were:

Mrs. Levi (Ella) Snyder

Mrs. Joseph (Nancy Jane) Nielson

James married Elizabeth Kummer

Mrs. Kimball (Louisa) Snyder

Mrs. William (Margaret) Campbell  
William

Mrs. Theophilis (Mary) Chambers

Theodore Hyrum married Myrtle White

David married Della Van Wagoner

Emma died in childhood.

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Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

Husband

Wife

Ward Examiners: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Stake or Mission \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_



John Hamilton Sheriff

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Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

LDS ORDINANCE DATA

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED			WIFE	BAPTIZED (Date) HUSBAND	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED (Date and Temple) WIFE TO HUSBAND
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

HANKS, WALTER ERNEST (son of Ephraim Knowlton Hanks and Thibbe Gully Read). Born June 19, 1865, Provo, Utah.

Married Mary E. Stewart April 15, 1887, Logan, Utah (daughter of Urban Van Stewart and Ellen Adams, former a pioneer September 1847). She was born July 20, 1867, Beaver, Utah. Their children: Ellen Josephine b. Jan. 23, 1890, m. Sidney C. Lymer Aug. 17, 1910; Walter Benjamin b. April 4, 1892; Thibbe Alicia b. Aug. 23, 1894; Ephraim Knowlton b. Sept. 4, 1896; Edna Mary b. Oct. 9, 1898, d. Jan. 6, 1904; Urban Van b. Nov. 29, 1900; Verd Arthur b. June 12, 1904; Rella Arthella b. April 22, 1907. Family home Caneville, Utah.

Missionary to northwestern states 1887-89; bishop of Caneville ward 1893-1910; superintendent Y. M. M. I. A. of Wayne stake; president high priests' quorum Wayne stake; high counselor. Conductor on first electric car in Salt Lake City. Forest ranger on Powell reserve 1904.

HANKS, EPHRAIM KNOWLTON (son of Benjamin Hanks and Martha Knowlton). Born March 21, 1826, Madison, Lake Co., Ohio. Came to Utah July 29, 1847, James Brown contingent Mormon Battalion, Company 13.

Married Harriet Amelia Decker (Little) Sept. 22, 1848, who was born March 13, 1826, and came to Utah Oct. 6, 1847, as child.

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Their children: Ephraim Marcelles b. June 21, 1849; Marcia Amelia b. July 3, 1851; O. Alvarus b. Sept. 15, 1853; Harriet Page b. Feb. 25, 1856; Clara Vilma b. July 10, 1858; Charles Decker b. Dec. 22, 1860; Perry Isaac b. Jan. 20, 1863. Family home, Salt Lake City.

Harriet Amelia Decker was the widow of Edwin S. Little, who died shortly after leaving Nauvoo. They had one child: George Edwin b. Aug. 6, 1844, who came to Utah with his mother.

Married Jane Maria Capener March 27, 1856, Salt Lake City (daughter of William Capener and Sarah Vander of London, Eng., pioneers Oct. 2, 1852, Isaac Bullock company, N. Y.). Their children: William Albert C. b. Feb. 17, 1859, m. Eunice L. Mardock; Alice Maria b. Jan. 15, 1861, m. Moroni S. McAffee; Sarah Elizabeth b. March 10, 1863, m. Elhan Leonard Brown; Ephraim Knowlton b. May 18, 1865, m. Lottie Hagley; George Augustus b. Jan. 3, 1868, m. Malissa Merrill, m. Bessie Johns; David C. b. March 6, 1870, m. Mary Baum; Louisa Rebecca b. June 27, 1872, m. George W. Lowe.

Jane Maria Capener (Hanks) married Joseph E. Taylor. Their children: Jane, m. George Alexander; Margaret Wicks, m. Fred Cluff.

Married Thibbe Gully Read April 6, 1862 (daughter of Samuel and Georgiana Read, who was born April 26, 1847, London, Eng., and came to Utah with Daniel Tyler hundred company. Their children: Ella M. b. Nov. 3, 1863, died; Walter Ernest b. June 19, 1865, m. Mary E. Stewart April 15, 1887; Martha Georgiana b. Aug. 20, 1867, m. Daniel Allen March 20, 1886; Amy Alicia b. Jan. 29, 1870, m. John Giles Dec. 21, 1887; Thibbe b. March 28, 1872, m. Samuel Allen Oct. 27, 1892; Knowlton b. Jan. 26, 1874, died; Sidney Alvarus b. April 4, 1875, m. Martha Hubbert; Ray Elijah b. Aug. 24, 1877, d. Sept. 3, 1910; Little Maria b. Aug. 2, 1879, m. James Wodscow; Arthur Eugene b. May 14, 1882, m. Mattie Little; Nettie May b. Nov. 8, 1884, m. Henry Giles; Clara Ellen b. Aug. 9, 1888, m. Robert Kittley.

Assisted in bringing immigrants to Utah. First counselor to Bishop Henry Giles of Blue Valley ward; patriarch. Mail carrier in early days. Died in Grass Valley, Utah.

HANKS, WILLIAM ALBERT CAPENER (son of Ephraim Knowlton Hanks and Jane Maria Capener). Born Feb. 17, 1859, Salt Lake City.

Married Eunice Louisa Mardock in May, 1880, Salt Lake City (daughter of Nymphus Mardock and Esther Davis of Charleston, Utah). She was born May 27, 1862. Their children: William Mardock b. Dec. 1, 1882, m. Ida Foland; Nymphus Coridan b. Nov. 3, 1883; Hattie Josephine b. Nov. 29, 1885, m. Stanley Marchant; Frederick E. b. Sept. 7, 1887; Esther M. b. Oct. 16, 1889, m. Ernest Foules; Alvan M. b. Jan. 26, 1891; Joseph E. b. Dec. 13, 1894; Reed H. b. Jan. 23, 1896; Clyde C. b. Sept. 5, 1900; Eunice L. b. Feb. 10, 1904. Family home Charleston, Utah.

Missionary to Tennessee 1881; high priest justice of peace. Farmer and stockraiser. Died Aug. 19, 1912.

EPHRAIM KNOWLTON HANKS  
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## EPHRAIM KNOWLTON HANKS

Ephraim Knowlton Hanks, was born March 21, 1826 at Madison, Lake County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Hanks and Martha Knowlton. He was the sixth of twelve children.

In early years he was known as the "Little Blacksmith," and his cheerful disposition won him many friends.

After serving three years in the U.S. Navy, he joined the Mormon Church and was one of the first to volunteer for the Mormon Battalion. He came to Utah July 29, 1847 with the James Brown Contingent, Mormon Battalion, Company D.

He married Harriet Amelia Decker (Little), Sept. 22, 1848, who was born March 13, 1826, and came to Utah October 5, 1847. Their children: Ephraim Marcelles b. June 21, 1849; Marcia Amelia b. July 3, 1851.   
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1851; O. Alvarus b. Sept. 15, 1853; Harriett Page, b. Feb. 25, 1856; Clara Vilate b. July 10, 1858; Charles Decker, b. Dec. 22, 1860; Perry Isaac b. Jan. 20, 1863.

Harriett Amelia Decker was the widow of Edwin S. Little who died shortly after leaving Nauvoo. They had one child: George Edwin b. Aug. 1844 who came to Utah with his mother.

Ephraim married Jane Maria Capener March 27, 1856, Salt Lake City (daughter of William Capener and Sarah Verander of London, England, pioneers of Oct. 2, 1852, Isaac Bullock Company). She was born Oct. 16, 1840, Dry Brook, Ulster County, N.Y. Their children: William Albert C. b. Feb. 17, 1859, m. Eunice L. Murdock; Alice Maria b. Jan. 15, 1861, m. Moroni S. McAfee; Sarah Elizabeth b. March 10, 1863, m. Ethan Leonard Brown; Ephraim Knowlton b. May 18, 1865, m. Lottie Bagley; George Augustus b. Jan. 3, 1868, m. Malissa Merrell, m. Bessie Johns; David C. b. March 5, 1870, m. Mary Baum; Louisa Rebecca b. June 27, 1872, m. George W. Lowe.

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Ephraim married Thisbe Quilly Read April 6, 1862 (daughter of Samuel and Georgiana Read), who was born April 26, 1847, London, England, and came to Utah with the Daniel Tyler handcart company. Their children: Ella b. Nov. 3, 1863, died; Walter Ernest b. June 19, 1865 m. Mary E. Stewart April 15, 1887; Martha Georgiana b. Aug. 20, 1867, m. Daniel Allen, March 20, 1886; Amy Alicia b. Jan. 29, 1870 m. John Giles Dec. 21, 1887; Thisbe b. March 28, 1872 m. Samuel Allen Oct. 27, 1892. Knowlton b. Jan. 26, 1874, died; Sidney Alvarus b. April 4, 1875, m. Martha Hubber; Ray Elijah b. Aug. 24, 1877 d. Sept. 3, 1910; Lellie Maria b. Aug. 2, 1879, m. James Wodscow; Arthur Eugene b. May 14, 1882, m. Mattie Little; Nettie May b. Nov. 8, 1884 m. Henry Giles; Clara Ellen b. Aug. 9, 1888, m. Robert Kittley.

Ephraim was active in the Church, was a farmer, Mormon Scout and mail carrier. He spent much time among hostile Indians of the plains while assisting in bringing immigrants to Utah. Among the Indians, he won love and their respect and had a great influence over them. Being handy with a

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horse, lariat and gun, he provided much needed food for the pioneers. He crossed over plains and mountains more than 50 times delivering mail, each trip taking from 40 to 90 days.

Ephraim was blessed with the power of healing and this talent increased after he was ordained a patriarch. Pres. Brigham Young said, "he was always ready to lay down his own life for the authorities of the Church." At the time of his death, June 9, 1896, he was serving as 1st counselor to Bishop Henry Giles of Blue Valley Ward, Wayne County. Burial took place in Cainesville, Utah.   
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England. Born October 16, 1840, Dry Brook, Ulster County, New York.

Mr. Hanks assisted in bringing immigrants to Utah. He was an energetic pioneer of the early days. He died in Grass Valley, Utah.

Children of Ephraim Hanks and Harriet Amelia Decker Little:

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Marcia Amelia  
O. Alvarus  
Harriet Poge  
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Charles Decker  
Perry Isaac.

Children of Ephraim Hanks and Jane Maria Capener:

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Anna was baptized January 2, 1862, in a frozen stream. On June 19 of that year she gave birth to a baby girl, Augusta.

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She later became acquainted with Olaus T. Nilsson, who had come west in the same company. They were married in 1868. To this union were born four children. They moved to Heber in 1875. Anna wove carpets and cloth for her family's clothing. She was a kind, loving person and respected by all who knew her. She died April 22, 1905, at the age of 73. She was buried in Heber City.

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John Harvey  
Assessor and Collector

# ADDISON HICKEN



Addison Hicken, son of Thomas and Catherine Fewkes Hicken, was born October 2, 1850, at Whitwick, Leicestershire, England, and died December 7, 1924, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

He married Sophia Elizabeth Moulton on December 22, 1873, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She was born October 3, 1853, in Irchester, Northamptonshire, England. She died March 7, 1933, in Salt Lake City. She was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Denton Moulton.

Addison Hicken, the third child of Patriarch Thomas Hicken and his wife, Catherine Fewkes Hicken, was born October 2, 1850, at Whitwick, Leicestershire, England. With his parents and his sister Elizabeth and brother Orson, he left Liverpool, England, on the ship "Ellen," January 8, 1851, for Utah. They landed at New Orleans on March 17, and from there went to Old Kanessville, now Council Bluffs. In 1852 the Hickens left for Utah, reaching Provo that fall. From there they moved to Heber City in 1860.

On December 22, 1873, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Addison married Sophia Elizabeth Moulton, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Denton Moulton. She was born October 3, 1853, in Irchester, Northamptonshire, England, coming with her parents and brothers and sisters to Utah in 1856, in the ill-fated Willie handcart company.

The first home of Addison Hicken and his wife was two log rooms with a lean-to, which was replaced later by the frame house afterward occupied by their son Errol, at First West and Second South, Heber.

"Lizzie," as Addison's wife was called, nearly died when her first child, Rhoda, was

born, but was healed by the power of the priesthood. There were no doctors in Heber City at that time. When Rhoda was 18 months old they were called by President Brigham Young on a mission to settle Arizona. On February 14 they left Heber, the snow being to the top of the fences and covering some. They had two yoke of oxen and a cow and an ox yoked together, plus a trail wagon. The first wagon was loaded with provisions. They slept and rode in the rear wagon. The rest of the company had teams of horses that could not pull through the snow, which was four to five feet deep over the divide. So Addison had to take his oxen and pull the horses out, leaving "Lizzie" and the baby alone at the foot of the mountain until late at night, with nothing but brush, snow, and howling wolves around. One of the oxen was hurt rescuing the horse teams and had to be replaced at the next settlement. They ferried across the big Colorado River, then they reached quicksand, when again the horses had to be pulled out by the oxen. After three months and seven days they reached their destination, where water was immediately diverted for irrigation. The dams, however, had been placed on quicksand, so that they kept washing out. As a result, only corn could be raised that year. The two hundred men called on this mission settled on the Little Colorado, Yavapai County.

In the little town of Sunset there were 136 missionaries, including Hickens. They lived the United Order under Captain Lot Smith, who burned Johnston's army wagons when they were entering Salt Lake Valley. This group were led to Arizona from Kanab by Jacob Hamblin. A fort was built at Sunset to protect them from attacks of savage Indians.

Here at Sunset the Hickens' daughter Katherine was born. As before, there were no doctors nor midwives. At one time "Lizzie" went in to see if the baby was all right and found a large snake coiled on her feet. There was only a deaf and dumb boy around, who killed it.

In October, 1874, the Hickens were released from this mission and returned to Heber City, living on the Moulton Ranch, about nine miles north of Heber City, until Mrs. Hickens' brother William died.

Addison Hicken was a Black Hawk War

veteran. He was a farmer, and hauled milk, butter and beef to the mines in Park City, milking 50 cows at that time. When they moved back to Heber he farmed, went into the cattle business, and into the meat market with his younger brother, John.

Mrs. Hicken was president of the West Ward Primary several years, was counselor to Joannah E. Jensen in the West Ward Relief Society and also Stake Relief Society. She was also president of the West Ward Relief Society, ward district teacher, and a Wasatch Stake missionary. Her life was one of devotion, not only for her family, but to all mankind. Many stories could be told of the help she gave others when they were in trouble. She washed and laid out, helped make clothes and dressed the dead many times. She impressed people with her neatness and dignity. Her language was never vulgar, but gentle always. And she had a great influence for good over her family and associates, living in such a way that no evil could be spoken of her. She improved herself constantly by reading a chapter from Church books each evening before going to bed.

Addison Hicken was of a kindly disposition, a good neighbor, and a faithful Latter-day Saint. He was an earnest worker in both civil and ecclesiastical affairs, and was loved by all who knew him.

He and his wife spent their last days working in the temple. Addison died of a stroke at Salt Lake City, December 7, 1924. His wife died March 7, 1933, in Salt Lake City. They were buried in Heber City Cemetery.

Their children are: Rhoda Elizabeth, Sarah Katherine, Lottie Malinda, Addison Pratt, William Thomas, Joseph Claudius, Elijah Moulton, Olive May, Minnie Elthora, John Errol, and Lola Bell.

*Pioneer  
Missionary  
Farmer  
canal & dam builder  
United Order  
Black Hawk Vet.  
Hauled milk etc to mines  
Butcher cattleman*



## PATRIARCH THOMAS HICKEN AND WIVES



Patriarch Thomas Hicken was the only child of Thomas Hicken, of Woodhouse, Leicestershire, England, and his wife, Ann Ward. He was born June 15, 1826, at Burton-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire, England. His father was a Grenadier soldier in the British army about 20 years; fought in the Battle of Waterloo, and was awarded a silver and also a gold medal for meritorious service. These medals are still in the possession of members of the family in America. He also received a pension for his services in the British army.

When Thomas, Jr., was four, his mother died, and he lived with his father's sister Elizabeth, who was married to Robert Cumberland. They had no children. His opportunities to attend school were scarce, but he learned the stocking weaving trade early.

When about 19, he joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint, being baptized February 15, 1845, by Thomas Effield. About this time, August, 1845, in the Whitwick Church, Leicestershire, England, he married Catherine Fewkes, daughter of Benjamin Fewkes and Culloden Ann Toon. Catherine was a stocking weaver, and though not strong, was an industrious woman and good housekeeper, very kind and affectionate in her disposition. She enjoyed

some of the gifts promised those who accept the gospel. She was a very good seamstress and taught her daughter. Together they made men's suits, dresses, hats and shoes. She died at Heber City on May 18, 1879, after an extended illness. She was mother of seven children.

In 1847, Thomas Hicken was ordained an Elder by Crandall Dunn and sustained as president of the Whitwick Branch of the LDS Church. He presided over this branch until January 1, 1851, when he emigrated to America.

He and his wife and three small children, Elizabeth, Orson, and Addison, crossed the Atlantic on the sailing vessel "Ellen," together with John Crook and Henry Chatwin. Due to an accident the ship put in at North Wales for repair where they remained 18 days. They finally arrived in New Orleans on March 17, 10 weeks after setting sail. By May 2 they had arrived at Council Bluffs. In the spring of 1852, Thomas and another man secured a yoke of oxen, two yoke of cows and a wagon to make the trip across the plains. They came with the Eli B. Kelsey company and made the trip without any serious trouble.

Thomas Hicken resided in Provo seven or eight years, where he built two houses. While here he was active in military affairs, and served in the Black Hawk War. He moved to Heber City in 1860, where he was ordained a High Priest by Elisha Everett, Sr. In 1863 he was called as a special missionary to Summit and Morgan counties to advocate the Word of Wisdom. He was a diligent Church worker and held many offices in ecclesiastical and civil affairs, among them being presiding teacher in Heber City for eight years, and first counselor in Wasatch Stake High Priests' Quorum.

In 1880 he was ordained a patriarch by Daniel H. Wells and John Henry Smith. His personal record noted that he had given 466 blessings.

He was a fluent preacher and an inspiration wherever he went. At various times, in fast meetings, he was given the gift of speaking in tongues. He also had the gift of healing through the power of the priesthood, and many he administered to were healed in this way. At one time a very miraculous healing took place. A dear

neighbor, Christie Giles, was badly afflicted with a very large goiter that covered her entire neck in front. One Sunday morning she was very sick with it and while Patriarch Hicken was out doing his morning chores he was strongly impressed to go to her home. Seeing her condition, he got another elder, Brother Duke, and they went to her home and administered to her and she improved almost immediately. That same day she was prayed for in priesthood meeting and soon after, the goiter was entirely gone. Aunt Christie Giles bore testimony of this healing many times.

All hours of the day or night he was called out to administer to the sick. He took great pains to teach and train his family in the principles of the gospel, was of a gentle and kind disposition, with always a comforting word for those in distress.

As a farmer he raised flax and with the help of his wife prepared it for spinning, and furnished thread for all the community and clothing for his children.

In 1862, as polygamy was being practiced, Thomas Hicken married Mrs. Jane Clotworthy, a widow with four children, and helped her raise her family. Her children had great respect for him and his first wife, and his children respected the Clotworthy family.



He also married Margaret Powell as a plural wife in 1865, and they had five children. She was born in 1847 at Tipton, Staffordshire, England, coming to Utah in 1864 with her parents on the ship "General McClelland." They crossed the plains in Captain Joseph Rollin's train, walking all the way and arriving in Heber City on October 4, 1864. She was an active Church worker of great faith and had a strong testimony of the gospel. She helped with the sick and those in distress, as well as caring for the

dead. For 12 years she was president of the Heber Second Ward Primary, and was an accomplished seamstress, making beautiful wedding dresses, hats and bonnets. She loved flowers and always raised a beautiful flower garden. She died June 18, 1925, in Salt Lake City, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

In February, 1915, Thomas Hicken fell, and injured his hip, contracted pneumonia and died March 2, 1915, at the age of 88. His posterity in 1954, as nearly as could be determined, numbered nearly 900 persons.

His children were as follows:

### I. By Catherine Fewkes—

1. Elizabeth.
2. Orson.
3. Addison.
4. Thomas.
5. Benjamin.
6. John Henry.
7. David William.

### II. By Margaret Powell—

1. Maria Catherine.
2. Sarah Ann.
3. Rachel Emma.
4. Charles Willard.
5. Ruth.

*Pioneer  
Weaver*

*Catherine Fewkes—seamstress  
shoe maker*

*Black Hawk warrior*

*Missionary*

*Patriarch*

*Farmer*

*Healer*

*Miracle*

*Raised flax*

*Margaret Powell—seamstress,*

*helped sick*

*cared for dead*

*milliner*

*dressmaker*

*Gardner*



*Thomas Hatch*

## SIMON SHELBY HIGGENBOTHAM

Simon Shelby Higgenbotham, son of William Elliott Higgenbotham and Louisa Ward Higgenbotham, was born June 20, 1839, in Burks Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia.

The Higgenbotham family were devoted members of the Mormon Church. In 1846 they were driven from their home in Nauvoo by a mob. They returned to their old home



in Burks Garden, where the father died. Mrs. Higgenbotham came West with three children, Simon, Elizabeth Letitia, and Frances David. They reached Utah in 1864. The family first resided in Provo. Simon came to Midway to teach school. He and his family were devoted friends of the Robeys and Springers in Midway.

The Higgenbothams later moved to Ogden, where Simon and Francis became very successful merchants. Elizabeth Letitia married David Harold Peery, a very prominent man of Utah.

Simon Higgenbotham died January 4, 1889, in Ogden, Utah.